## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

Kimberly S.,	)
Plaintiff,	) CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:21-cv-00310
v.	) Magistrate Judge Silvain
Kilolo Kijakazi,	)
Acting Commissioner of Social	)
Security,	)
	)
Defendant.	)

## **ORDER**

This cause coming before the Court on the joint motion of the parties, due notice having been given, and the Court being fully advised,

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Parties' Joint Stipulation for an Award of Attorney's Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (Doc. #15) is accepted and the Commissioner shall pay Plaintiff's attorney fees in the amount of \$5,400.00 and costs in the amount of \$0.00, for a total award of \$5,400.00;
- 2. Counsel for the parties shall verify whether or not Plaintiff owes a preexisting debt to the United States subject to offset, consistent with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). If no such pre-existing debt exists, Defendant shall pay the EAJA award directly to Plaintiff's counsel pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by Plaintiff; and
- 3. The case remains terminated on the docket of this Court. IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: March 16, 2023

s/Peter B. Silvain, Jr.
Peter B. Silvain, Jr.
United States Magistrate Judge